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Excerpt from SHIGEMITSU's Speech 21 Jan. 1945
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The combination between our empire and the other allied countries is becoming firmer and firmer, and we are convinced of carrying out the current war successfully to the last together with our allied countries at any cost. Germany is now continuing an admirably brave struggle, overcoming many difficulties. A general attack, which England and America had decided upon at the Teheran Conference, was made upon Germany from the east, west, and south, together with all sorts of strategic activities. Moreover, our enemies are declaring without any hesitation that they intend to wipe out the existence as great nations of both Japan and Germany by dividing their territory, moving their peoples, and changing their form of government in order to make Germany and the German race powerless forever. Germany was confronted by a most grave crisis at the time of the attempted assassination of Fuehrer Hitler on July 20th of last year. However, the plan ended in failure, and Germany's internal and external position was completely restored. It is indeed a stirring sight to see the German people fighting united under Fuehrer Hitler with an iron will that prevents the enemy from making even the slightest invasion of her territory. As was to be expected, Germany assumed the offensive on the western front and has already smashed important positions of the American Army. We cannot help being filled with admiration seeing that Germany, even when placed in a woeful predicament, has

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great self-confidence and calmly advances with a firm conviction of ultimate victory. On the other hand, Italy, led by Mussolini, is also steadily repleting her national armaments and fighting bravely with honor and glory in concert with Germany. I am convinced that it is our most sacred mission to exert ourselves to carry out, together with our allied countries both in the East and West, the severe battles destined to exploit the future of mankind in order to accomplish the common war aim of making clear international justice in the war of self-existence and self defense.

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(國務大臣小磯國昭君登壇) ○國務大臣(小磯國昭君)

戰勢必ズシテ樂觀ヲ許サナイ現状デアリマスガ敵ノ長
延ル補給路ハ全線ニ互ツテ我が攻害ノ前ニ暴露路
セラシテ居リ茲ニ我オノ勝利ヲ把握スベキ好機ノ存
スルコトヲ確信スル次第デアリマス。

敵ハ濫リニ戰後ノ國際機構安ホヲ論議シ帝
國ニ對シテハ一切ノ妥協ヲ排シ無條件降伏ヲ呼號シ
テ帝國ノ抹殺ヲ企圖シテ居ルデアリマス。斯ノ
如キ白日夢ハ固ヨリ憫シク外ハナクテアリマス。

彼等米英民族ハ負斃シテナキ世界制覇ノ野心ガ
戰爭ノ進展ト共ニ漸次白日ノ下ニ露呈セラレ、既ニ彼
等ノ占領セル地域ニ於テハ獲物ノ分配ヲ続ツテ深刻
ナル相剋對立ガ暴露路セラレ、漸次激成セラルニ
對シ、我が東亞ノ諸國家ハ東亞復興ノ理想ノ
下ニ敵ノ侵攻ニ對シテ愈々結束ヲ固メ、迄モ東
亞ヲ保衛スル決意ニ振ヒ、近シテ居ルノデアリマシ
シテ敢テ戰ヲ宣フ。此ノ萬一ノ事ハ、
テ大東亞世ヲ同肩スル結果品セラレタル共ニ其榮ノ
道義理念ハ米英ノ悔意ヲ極ムル侵略的戰爭目
的等ト比スベクモアリマス。

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キ如何ナル危局ニ遭遇スルモ決してタジロコトナキ
ハ勝、闘魂ヲ持續シテ、最後迄戦ヒ、抜キ者ガ克
最後、勝利ヲ制シ得ベキモノト信ス

Doc (國務大臣重光葵君登壇)
○國務大臣(重光葵君)

此戰爭ヲ我が同盟諸國ト共ニ戦ヒ抜クモノデアリス
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ス

自存自衛ノ戦ニ於テ、國際正義顯現、共同ノ戦
争目昭々、遂ニ人類將來ノ道ヲ示シ、深
刻ナル戦斗ヲ東西、同盟諸國ト共ニ戦ヒ抜キ
ス、ハ吾人、取モ神聖ナル使命デアリト信ズル、
デアリス。

2 大東亞戦争、實ニ米英ガ斯カル企圖ニ對シテ障害
トナル日本ノ勢力ヲ除カントシ、爲ニ誘役セシメ
テ、デアラフテ、彼等、東亞人、郷土ヲ奪ウテ、永久ニ
彼等ノ植民地ト爲シ、世界ヲ支配、其地トシテ之ヲ使
用セトスルモノデアリス。

No 若シ此戦ニ破ルルガ如キデアラフ、東亞各民族、永
遠ニ搾取侵略セラル、ニトナルデアリス

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帝國が今日軍ヲ南支那ニ進メテ居ルハ其、目指
ス所ニ米國、軍隊デアリ、其、基地デアワテ、支那ヨ
リ米國、攪乱勢力ヲ驅逐シテ、支那ヲ支那人、
手ニ還シ、互ト共ニ相並ニテ東亞復興、大業ニ
真、膚タルメニコトヲ念願スルガ爲デアリマス。

一言ニシテ之ヲ述ベバ帝國、主張スル所、不、脅威
不、侵略、世界ヲ建設セトスルニニアリマス

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ク、戦争ヲ我が同盟諸國ト共ニ戦ヒ抜クデア
リマス、今日ドイツハ幾多、難關ヲ突破シ、驚嘆ス
ベキ戦斗ヲ續ケテ居ルデアリマス、米、英ガテ、
會議ニ於テ決定タル東西南ヨリニ對、独逸、
凡、其、謀略的策動ト共ニ遂行セリ、更ニ敵、
ドイツ、民族ヲ、永久ニ立ツ能ハザラシムル爲メ、
領土ニ之ヲ分割シ、民族ニ之ヲ移動シ、政体ニ之ヲ
變更シ、日、獨逸國、大國トシテ、存在ヲ抹殺セリト
ハ言ヒテ憚ラヌ次第デアリマス、ドイツハ、昨年
十月二十五「ロンドン」總統暗殺未遂、際ヲ以テ最
大、危機ニ直面シテアリマスガ、計畫ハ失敗
ニ歸シ、ドイツハ、内外ニ對スル形勢ハ、完全ニ立ち直
ツタ、デアツテ、ドイツ國民ガ「ロンドン」總統、下
ニ致、結束敵ヲシテ一歩モ國上ヲ穢サシガナル鐵血
ノ意志、トニ闘ツテ居ル、我ハ、眞ニ憐觀デアリマス。

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